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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

WORKMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Adam L. Basehoar

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 15-31 and 41-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 15-31, and 41-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: The RCE filed 12/20/06.
2. Claims 14 and 32-40 have been cancelled as necessitated by Amendment.
3. The rejection of claims 1-50 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bergman et al (5,909,678 06/01/99) has been withdrawn as necessitated by Amendment.
4. Claims 1-13, 15-31, and 41-50 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 11, 13, and 41 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-13, 15-31, and 41-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bergman et al (5,909,678 06/01/99) in view of Horowitz et al (US-6,122,647 09-2000).

-In regard to independent claims 1, 11, 13, and 41 Bergman et al teach a method, system, and product for editing a form, wherein;

a user was displayed an interface (Fig. 9: 911) displaying a hyperlink (phrase receptacle) for an element in the form (column 3, lines 17-18) (Fig. 4: 200) indicating to a user that a control is available for the element (column 3, lines 6-28, 46-49, 57-67; column 4, lines 1-9), said hyperlink providing one of a group consisting of a link from the form to another location and a

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link from the form to another file (column 7, lines 31-44: i.e. selecting a given phrase receptacle enforces semantic constraints that link to the appropriate phrase and objects in the different menu boxes); wherein

upon selection of the hyperlink of the element, the control displayed on the user interface for user interaction (Fig. 3: Selection of element 200 displays control 11 for user interaction); and wherein

upon completion of user interaction with the control, replacing the element with a new element responsive to user (Fig. 2: Select element 210 and Fig 3: Replace element with new element 210 selected from control 11).

Bergman et al do not teach wherein the hyperlink linking between the phrase template and the menu boxes contained a URL. Horowitz et al teach wherein a query target had more than one target, creating a dynamic menu containing a plurality of possible links at the link anchor, wherein the hyperlink to the menu contained a URL (column 10, lines 28-67; column 11, lines 1-2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the phrase receptacles to have contained a URL to link to the different menu boxes, because Horowitz et al teach that by utilizing a URL to a dynamic menu, a user could select a query item from all relevant values (column 10, lines 22-67; column 11, lines 1-2). It also would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the link between the phrase receptacles and the menu boxes to have been a hyperlink containing a URL, because it was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention that URL's were utilized to access information from across the World Wide Web, and thus Bergman et al would

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have been provided the obvious benefit of being able to access data to be inserted in to the phrase receptacles from a plurality of different locations outside the user computer (Fig. 9).

-In regard to dependent claims 2-3, 15-16, 23-24, and 42-43, Bergman et al teach wherein the form was a database query (column 5, lines 27-36) or spreadsheet (equivalent to a database) (column 5, lines 22-26).

-In regard to dependent claims 4-5, 17-18, 25-26, and 44-45, Bergman et al teach wherein the element was part of a formula or calculation (column 3, lines 9-10)(column 14, lines 25-30).

-In regard to dependent claims 6-7, 19-20, 27-28, and 46-47, Bergman et al teach wherein the control was a list of choices or a pull-down menu (column 8, lines 5-8)(Fig. 3&4).

-In regard to dependent claims 8-9, 21-22, 29-30, and 48-49, Bergman et al wherein the control was a dialog box or text entry field (column 8, lines 6-8).

-In regard to dependent claims 10, 12, 31, and 50, Bergman et al further teach wherein the control was selected from a group of controls consisting of a list (Fig. 3), a dialog box, and a text entry field (column 8, lines 5-8).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 11, 13, and 41 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

In general, the Applicant argues that the Bergman reference does not teach or suggest wherein said hyperlink includes a reference to a URL and said hyperlink provided one of the of a link from the form to another location and a link from the form to another file. Please note the above rejection with regards to these newly added features.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US-6,848,077	01-2005	McBrearty et al.
US-2004/0001109	01-2004	Blancett et al.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adam L. Basehoar whose telephone number is (571)-272-4121.


The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 7:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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